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13 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Results of Meeting between Dr. Scoville and Dr. Charyk
11 September 1962

Dr. Scoville reported generally on his meeting with Dr. Charyk on the subject date. The following are the principal results:

a. Dr. Charyk agreed to a change in the NRO organization, identifying Dr. Scoville as the Deputy Director of NRO, subject only to Mr. Gilpatric's concurrence which Charyk intends to obtain. Dr. Scoville added that he had pushed on this "in view of the strong pressure from OSA".

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b. Dr. Charyk accepted reluctantly Dr. Scoville's views on the desirability of the Agency's phase out of the contract [redacted]. [redacted] He said this was an Agency decision. [redacted] remained unconvinced. I have since asked [redacted] to coordinate with [redacted] on making certain [redacted] receive prompt treatment on the outstanding [redacted] and that [redacted] is also advised.

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c. Dr. Charyk also bought the concept of a relatively senior CIA liaison representative to be accredited to [redacted] on the NRO Staff. Dr. Scoville intends to see if [redacted] will not accept this job.

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d. Dr. Charyk reports that the NRO Satellite Control Center is expected to be operational in two to three months. A separate letter, [redacted] 3362-62, dated 10 September 1962, from Dr. Charyk to Dr. Scoville, contains a request for the nomination of two Agency controllers to this Center. [redacted]

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[redacted] have been identified as those individuals, and when they are transferred to the Control Center, they will remain in CIA/OSA slots, which should be identified as NRO positions in our T/O presentations.

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e. As a result of the flap on the CORONA payload directive to General Greer resulting from [redacted]

[redacted] Dr. Charyk has agreed that any payload directives in the future concerning CORONA, ARGON, or LANYARD will go to SSD by means of Agency communications channels rather than NRO links. Booster schedules where action is required by SSD will be transmitted by the NRO Staff to this Headquarters and SSD simultaneously to enable us to react before the schedule is finalized on the West Coast.

f. The argument over whether NRO receives and disperses the [redacted] allocated to CIA in support of the NRP continues. Dr. Scoville, in conversations with Dr. Charyk, was unable to resolve this question with the lines remaining firm as drawn, i.e., Air Force wants to obtain the money from the Bureau of the Budget and then dole it out to CIA in the form of advances. This we do not agree to. John Bross, Agency Comptroller, is preparing a staff study for the Director on this subject, analyzing the pros and cons for both proposals. Either this issue is resolved, or we have no money for FY 1963.

g. As a result of the sudden shortage of THOR boosters for the missile program, the NRO Staff is reportedly preparing a paper to USIB on the subject, highlighting the absence of CORONA shots from September until December. Possible solutions are: (1) Cut out the October ARGON shot; (2) Defer until early 1963 [redacted] (3) Take a booster away from the [redacted] I have heard subsequently that NRO plans to act on [redacted] which may obviate the necessity of the USIB paper.

h. Dr. Scoville has asked that we plan to brief Dr. Charyk and [redacted] 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday, 24 September in the Control Center on CIA's portion of the NRP. This will include OXCART, IDEALIST, CORONA, ARGON, LANYARD. [redacted] I have already asked [redacted] to prepare the necessary charts with a special reference to [redacted] since we require NRO concurrence in our FY 1964 submission for this program.

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